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Durham Parks and Recreation Takes Safety Precautions

Durham's Pools Super Chlorinated to Prevent Cryptosporidium

Durham, NC – This past weekend, Durham Parks and Recreation super chlorinated all five of the city's pools and spraygrounds as a precautionary measure to prevent contamination of cryptosporidiosis. While there have been no cases reported from swimmers in the City of Durham pools, this standard practice is done to reduce the risk of a potential outbreak in the community.

This process was done this weekend while the pools were closed and consisted of increasing the pool's chlorine parts per million (ppm) to 20 ppm for over 12 hours. The pools reopened to patrons with no disruption of services on Sunday, July 24.

Cryptosporidium or Crypto is a disease caused by a parasite that can be transmitted from one swimmer to another, in swimming pools, from the residual fecal matter of the person who has been infected. Symptoms of the disease can begin 2-10 days after being infected and can last for 1-2 weeks. Symptoms include watery diarrhea, stomach cramps or pain, fever, nausea, fatigue and/or vomiting.

DPR strives to provide the safest recreation facility possible and encourages all swimmers to take a cleansing shower before entering a swimming pool and only wear swim suit attire.

It is recommended that if anyone experiences symptoms of diarrhea with any illness, that they do not go swimming until the symptoms have subsided. If you have any questions, please contact the Environmental Health Division of the Durham County Department of Public Health at 919-560-7800.

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